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SUBJECT: GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL

1. I CALLED ON TURKISH PERMREP TURKMEN AT NOON TODAY. TURKMEN HANDED ME TURKISH WORKING PAPER REPRODUCED IN PARAGRAPH 2 BELOW. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION TURKMEN MADE SEVERAL PERTINENT POINTS. TURKMEN SAID TURKEY FAVORED AN OUTCOME OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE THAT WOULD NOT RESULT IN A RESOLUTION. A RESOLUTION, WHEN THERE WERE SUCH WIDELY DIFFERING VIEWPOINTS, WOULD BE HARMFUL TO NEGOTIATIONS AND COULD ONLY INCREASE TENSIONS. TURKMEN SAID, IF THERE IS TO BE A RESOLUTION, THEN THE DRAFT HE HAD RECEIVED ON AUGUST 13 WOULD HAVE TO UNDERGO SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES. IN RESPONSE MY QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE ICJ, TURKMEN ARGUED THAT LANGUAGE OF FOURTH PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH WAS SUFFICIENT IN THAT IT WOULD COVER THE ICJ POINT IN A GENERAL WAY.

2. THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENTS BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF GREECE AND TURKEY,

EXPRESSING ITS CONCERN OVER THE TENSION BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY IN RELATION TO THE AEGEAN SEA,

EXPRESSING ALSO ITS CONCERN FOR THE MILITARIZATION

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OF THE EASTERN AEGEAN ISLANDS IN CONTRAVENTION OF INTER-

NATIONAL TREATIES AND THE ENSUING DANGER CREATED FOR
PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE REGION,

EXPRESSING FURTHER ITS CONCERN FOR THE STILL UNRESOLVED
QUESTION OF THE UTILIZATION OF THE AEGEAN AIRSPACE,

BEARING IN MIND THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS
CHARTER CONCERNING THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AS
WELL AS THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER VI OF THE
CHARTER CONCERNING PROCEDURES AND METHODS FOR PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES,

NOTING THAT GREECE AND TURKEY HAVE EMBARKED UPON
BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS TO FIND AN AGREED SOLUTION TO THE
AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF QUESTION AND WITH THIS PURPOSE
HELD TWO MEETINGS,

NOTING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONTINUATION OF THESE
DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS IN A MEANINGFUL WAY,

CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED FOR PARTIES TO A DISPUTE WHICH
MIGHT ENDANGER PEACE AND SECURITY TO AVOID ANY INCIDENT
WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO THE AGGRAVATION OF THE SITUATION, AND
WHICH MIGHT COMPROMISE THEIR EFFORTS TOWARDS A PEACEFUL
SOLUTION,

1. CALLS ON THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREECE AND TURKEY
TO CONTINUE THEIR NEGOTIATIONS MEANINGFULLY AND APPEALS
TO THEM TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN THEIR POWER TO ENSURE
THAT THESE RESULT IN A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION,

2. URGES RESPECT TO INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS
CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE EASTERN AEGEAN ISLANDS AND
THE IMMEDIATE RESTORATION OF THEIR DEMILITARIZED STATUS,

3. CALLS UPON THE PARTIES TO SETTLE THEIR
DIFFERENCES CONCERNING THE AEGEAN AIRSPACE TAKING INTO
ACCOUNT THEIR RESPECTIVE INTERESTS AS WELL AS THE INTEREST
OF INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC.

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